

REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 7-35 and 44-46 are pending in the application. Claims 1-5, 7, 15-33, 35 and 44-46 are allowed. Claims 8-14 and 34 are rejected. Claims 8 and 34 are currently amended.

Allowable Subject Matter

In the Office Action dated June 19, 2007, the Examiner allowed claims 1-5, 7, 15-33, 35 and 44-46. Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing claims 1-5, 7, 15-33, 35, and 44-46.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §103

The Examiner rejects claims 8-14, and 34 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Sato et al. (US Patent No. 6,388,667, hereinafter: *Sato*) in view of Matsuda et al. (US Patent No. 6,734,885, hereinafter: *Matsuda*).

Claims 8 and 34 have been amended to depend from claims 1 and 15 respectively, which the Examiner has found to be allowable.

Dependent claims 9-14 are dependent on claim 8, which is itself believed allowable as being dependent on an allowed main claim.

All of the matters raised by the Examiner have been dealt with and are believed to have been overcome.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all the claims now pending in the application are allowable. An early Notice of Allowance is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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Amendment Transmittal